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NOTICE TO TEACHERS All country schools except those which were a month late in starting are ordered by the Board of Education to close at least by Thursday, Dec. 24. The county superintendent will be in office Monday, Dec. 28, to issue warrants for last ffonth. All registers and abstracts properly filled out must be returned to this office before warrant is issued. If you mail register be sure to put on sufficient postage, They are first class man matter. Respectfully,

J. M. HATFIELD, Co. Supt.

BAXTER

As I got a letter from one of my good friends last week asking me to write to the Herald, I thought I would try a few lines.

My friend whom I got the letter from lives at Pilot Point, Txeas, but the letter did not have any name to it, signed 'Guess Who?' and whoever it was sent me a beautiful birthday card which was highly appreciated by me. I would like very much to know who it was from. Hope they will write to the Herald or to me, and sign their real name.

The weather has been real cold here for the last week or two.We have had six inchs of snow

Health is not very good in this vic nity.

Mr. W. M Fields has been very bad for the last week or two. Also, Mrs. Campbell has been very sick, but is reported some better.

Mrs. L P Vaughn, why don't you write to the Herald. I enjoy reading Mollie Dahuff's letters.

Mr. Luther Kimes come on with your letters.

There has been sevral wddings in this community this fall.

Tillman A. Smith, I enjoy reading about the Spanish American War, which you have been writing about Mr. Fred Scarlett has gone to school this time every day except on.

Miss Ruth Jackson, I will be out to see you all soon.

Willie Jackson have you been to Gainesboro lately. How are you and A. L. S getting along by now. Have you talked any to R Lately.

Mr. Thurman Jared from Hartsville was up in this part the other day on business

Mrs. Ava Campbell of Arkansas, why don't you write to the Herald. We would all enjoy reading a letter

Mr Ponnie Thompson is coing to at Bayter Ser inary and says they are having a good school under the new management

Mr. Henry Mcbroom. I am coming over to see you all, griht away. Edgar Fields.

NOTICE

All who are indebted to the estate of W. J. (Jas) Terry, deceased; and there who have claims against sale estate, are hereby notified to make settlement or file claims at once. B. P. Pointer, Adm.

BUSHYHEAD, OKLA.

Farmers are busy. Some are gathering corn, some plowing, some thresh ing kaffer corn. This has been a pretty fall. We haven't had any snow yet and very little rain. I got my shoes muddy last Wednesday first this fall. What are you Tennessee people going to do Christmas.

Jim Stamps helped Eddie Bright kill hogs yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Andrews family, Sarah and Myrtle Andrews visited the writer and family Saturday and

spent the night with Willis and Milo tuted the feast of Noel (new health), Stamps Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Quitman Andrews' oldest child has been very sick with typhoid fever. Last report she was getting clong fine.

C. A. Jones, I got your letter. I know you are quite lonesome.

Yes Becca has betn over to see me since she came home.

Well, Mother Stamps, Jim says he can't come home this time. He is plowing-done gathering corn, made over 800 bushel and a nice lot of kaffir corn has 8 fat hogs for market. Cattle and hogs are high. Wheat 96c, corn 56c, oats 36c per bushel.

I reckon Cal Andrews is going to live in town as he has bought some lots in Foyil. ,

Dow Andrews married Miss Minnie Ward and has gone to Kansas City to stay awhile. He is conductor on a street car.

Cousin Arie Tudor of Obey City, Joe Andrews got homt alright with his little poke of beans. Mother was proud of them.

Mrs. Swack I will answer your let-Lottie Stamps.

A Christmas Carol

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

I HEAR along our street
Pass the ministrel throngs;
Hark! They play so succet,
On their hautboys, Christmas conge!
Let us by the fire
Ever higher
Sing them till the night expire!

IN December ring
Every day the chime
Loud the gleemen sin
In the streets their marry i
Let us by the fire
Ever higher

SHEPHERDS at the grange Where the Babe was born, Sang with many a change Christmas carols until morn. Let us by the fire Ever higher Sing them till the night expire!

THESE good people sang
Songs devout and secet;
While the rafters rang,
There they stood with freezing foot.
Let us by the fire
Ever higher Sing them till the night expirel

NUNS in frigid cells At this holy tide, For want of someth Christmas songs at times have tried.

Let us by the fire

Ever higher Ever higher Sing them till the night expiral

THO by the fireside stands, Stamps his feet and sings; But he who blows his hand so gay a carol brings. Let us by the fire Ever higher Sing them till the night expire!

Origin of Custom Associated With Christmas Festivities.

Plant Is Surrounded With Many Superstitions in European Countries -Sign of III Omen in Some Parts of Ireland.

HE good old custom of hang ing mistletoe from the ceiling at the Christmas festivities is said to have its origin in the idea that since the plant did not have its roots in the ground no part of it should ever be permitted to touch the earth.

Among the Saxons the fact that mistletoe was suspended from the roof of a dwelling intimated to the wayfarer that the hospitality of the house was at his disposal, and beneath its branches friend and stranger, vassal and lord, gathered in comradeship and good cheer.

The religious aspect of the mistletoe tradition, which had its origin in of it by the archdruid with his golden sickle, merged later into a purely social symbol, and the idea of simple hospitality developed into one of merrymaking and a somewhat riotous entertainment.

The kiss of the Scandinavian goddess expanded into the custom of a kiss given for every berry that grew on the bough. Small wonder that, in spite of the mistletoe having originally existed in the odor of the sanctuary, the church came to regard it as an entirely pagan symbol and refused to allow it to participate with the Illy and the evergreen in the Yuletide decorations

There is an ancient belief that the mistletoe was the tree from which the holy cross was hewn and that after this was made the plant withered and ever afterward became a mere parasitic growth, clinging for support to other and sturdier trees

Other stories, however, credit it with divine gifts in the healing of dis-

eases and the expulsion of evil spirits. Ram, the high priest of the Celts, received in a dream the intimation that by means of the plant he would be enabled to save his people from the plague which was decimating them. Jay Thomas and Clarence Renfro To celebrate their delivery he instia midwinter holiday, which has come to be considered coincident with the new year.

In many parts of the United Kingdom the silver berries and the graygreen leaves of the mistletoe are looked upon as anything but an emblem of good cheer; on the contrary, the plant is regarded with dread as being the bringer of ill luck and the sign of ill omen. This superstition exists both in Devonshire and in Ireland. and, strange to say, in neither of these places does the plant flourish, owing, report has it, to the fact that both incurred the displeasure of the Druids and were in consequence cursed in such a way that their soil became incapable of nourishing the sacred

growth In the sixth book of Aeneld a lengthy description of the mistletoe is given by Virgil, who makes the Sybil describe to his hero the exact spot in hades where he will find it growing. There is little doubt that the strange ethereal appearance of the little opaque berry is largely responsible for the mystic character it has enjoyed among the people of divers nations from the earliest histor-

Mah mammy say dat Sandy Claus com Ter good it'l boys.
En bring er ho'n en er big red drum,
En yuther toys.
But why white chilluns gets dem new
I cain' on'stan'.

ess I knows whut Sandy Claus do-He sec'n han' man!



Las' yeah he clomb down ough stovepip W'enst I's ersleep, En fotch some oynges—bout half ripe—

En th'ee toy sheep. En one dese jomp' jacks-broken, dough-But den, my lan'!

Bout dishyere Sandy Claus-I des know He sec'n han' man!



as' my mammy ef Sandy Claus ain' Ter men' dem toys, en' fix dey paint, En she say: "Now Don' worry, chile, 'bout de white folks

Hit's de good Lawd's plan." So I guess dat mah Mistah Sandy Claus-He sec'n han' man!



REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE DAY

Puritans of England Made Christmas Illegal and Declared It a Misdemeanor to Be Gay.

English Puritans of the seventeenth the Druidical rites and the gathering century guarded against looking upon the rosy side of life.

Because Christmas is really a survival of the Celts' Yule, and is not the actual anniversary of the birth of Christ, they refused to countenance Christmas festivities. Not only did they refuse to recognize the day, but they made laws to that effect.

The parliament of 1644 passed an act ordering all law abiding citizens to observe December 25 as a solemn fast, to be spent in silent atonement for previous Christmas days that had passed in riotous living and merry-

Naturally the community did not share in these hard and fast rules. and many a turkey was surreptitiously killed, and many a plum pudding quietly boiled. But woe betide the unfortunate offender against the act were he luckless enough to be discovered.

Soldiers were sent to search the houses of those suspected of harboring such delicacies as mince pies, and many were the pitched battles between disagreeing sections of 'he public.



UNDER THE MISTLETOE

To ask a girl if you may kiss her before doing it is an insulting way laying all the responsibility on

In a man's opinion a kiss is an end that justifies any means.

You needn't be afraid of a mere kiss. Thousands are exchanged daily by people of the highest reputation.

The kissed girl fears no mistletoe.

A kiss is as good as a smile-and a good deal better, too! The ideal kiss is the kiss that is

A kiss too soon may be a full stop in the tale of love.



The child who doubts about Santa Claus has insomnia. The child who believes has a good night's rest.

Santa Claus Baus: mm

¶ A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed

Better broken toys than broken hearts.

I Never look a gift object in the

rice tag. Santa Claus by any other name would cost as much-and be

Do not be satisfied with wishing people a "Merry Christmas;" help make it one. Q Lots of men put on long white whiskers and think they look like

me when they look more like a goat—and perhaps they are. If Willie wants to see what is inside the drum, for goodness

You are living in God's own untry. What more do you want for Christmas.

It is a wise Santa who keeps his hiskers away from the candles. Keep up the "Good will to man" art of it right through until next

It is more blessed to give than to receive, except in the matter of ¶ Fortunately for most of us, we won't get what we deserve on Christmas.

When Christmas giving becomes a necessity it ceases to be a virtue. There is more joy in heaven over a ton of coal given to the poor than a ton of diamonds given to

Song of the **Christmas**Tree By Gene Morgan

I come from northern forest lands

Where men would tarry never. The seasons come, the seasons go, But I am green forever. The flowers of spring bloom at my feet, The shadows always spreading.

Near by there runs a forest path Where watchful deer are treading

he summer passes all too soon, And autumn winds are chilly. oor flowers, they wither, droop and Amid the woodland hilly.



From every branch, sad tears I drip In rainstorm's flerce endeavor. The flowers may come, the flowers may

But I am green forever. Now hark! the woodman's ax is heard! A sister tree he's felling. What can this cruel destruction mean? The winter wind is telling

"Do not bemoan thy mournful fate, Tho' axmen wield with madness. Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine, You'll soon bring children gladness

"Thou canst not die, although thy trunk, Harsh hatchet blows may sever. Within the little children's hearts



Thou wilt be green forever

Origin of Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree is supposed by great numbers of people to have originated in Germany, but from a reliable source we learn that the Christmas tree came in the first instance from Egypt, and its origin dates from tian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the completed year.



Now doth the Christmas shopper With happiness elate. Buy something that was forty-nine, Marked up to nicety-eight

"The Thinkers of the Country Are the Tobacco Chewers"-

said one of the greatest thinkers this country ever produced.

Says the Engineer:

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"Well, maybe you can guess what a help it is to an engineer to find a tobacco that sharpens you up and steadies you just right without any 'rebound'.'

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One That Should Be Heeded by COOKEVILLE RESIDENTS

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